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Applicant : Manfred DOMBEK
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ARTICLES

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Preliminary Amendment

Applicant requests the entry of the following amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified application:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.